

5 Hamilton Pl. King's Cross
March 28th 1848.

My Dear Sir

I have just received the "Christian World" of March 4th which you kindly addressed to me, and for which I beg you to accept my best thanks. To almost every sentiment contained in the "English Unitarian's" Critique on G. E. article in the Register, I give my entire and cordial assent. Indeed the letter which I ventured to trouble you with some weeks since would I think prove my substantial agreement with him. That the Unitarians of America have not done, what they might and ought to have done, during the sixteen years of the Abolition Struggle, "to wipe the deadly stain of slavery from their country's honour and virtue" is I think a truth as indisputable as it is lamentable. For their conduct in this respect they doubtless need admoni-

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tion and deserve rebuke. Nevertheless by Christian
men such admonition and rebuke should be
administered in a Christian spirit. If nothing
should be "extenuated" nothing should be "set
down in malice". Nothing should be even exag-
gerated. But is it not exaggeration to designate
as "Pro-slavery" those whose sentiments are avowedly
anti-slavery, though from timidity, or indolence,
or repugnance to the means employed by abolitionists,
or some other unknown motive, they have, as
we think, been culpably negligent or slow to act-
out their sentiments? and is it not something
worse than exaggeration to designate them on
such grounds as "haters of God and man"? For
my part when I observe the alienating
and repelling influence exerted on my own
mind by the bitter and exasperating lan-
-guage of some of the Abolition party, I cannot
wonder that it should operate unduly on many
minds, and ~~lead~~ them to forget the sacredness

of the cause in the feelings of pain or disgust excited
by the frailties & faults of its supporters. Dr Follen,
in my opinion, acted rightly in joining the Abolitionists,
& doing his best to temper their zeal with his meekness of wisdom; but Dr Channing
took a different view of duty, and though he
came forward at last, an abolition-host in
himself, never joined the party. Would it have
been right, at any period of his course, to
designate him even as "pro-slavery," much
less as a "hater of God and Man?" I think
not. Ere long, I trust, the Anti-slavery Sentiment,
all but universal, amongst your Unitarians,
as amongst ours, will be called into
full and vigorous action. Let not this coming
^{though it must be admitted, late} Spring be needlessly delayed by wintry
hail-storms of hard words. I quite sympathize
in our English brother's comments on G & E
un-American distaste to "green-proccers, dry-salters
muffin-bakers &c" The time is coming, let us hope,

When the voice of such men will be better heard
and more influential in Europe, as well as
America, than it has heretofore been! —

With kind regards to any of my Boston
friends whom you may meet with I remain

My Dear Sir, with much esteem

Very truly yours

Joseph Hutton.

Dr. Hutton



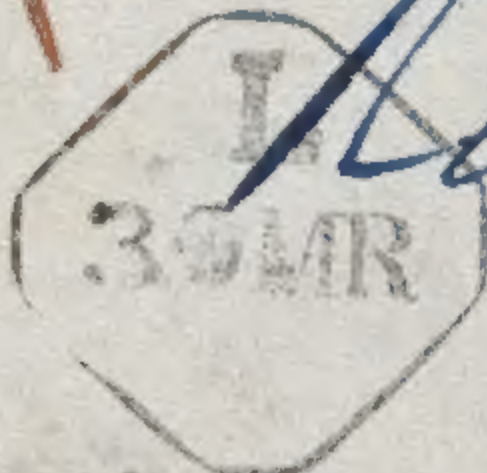
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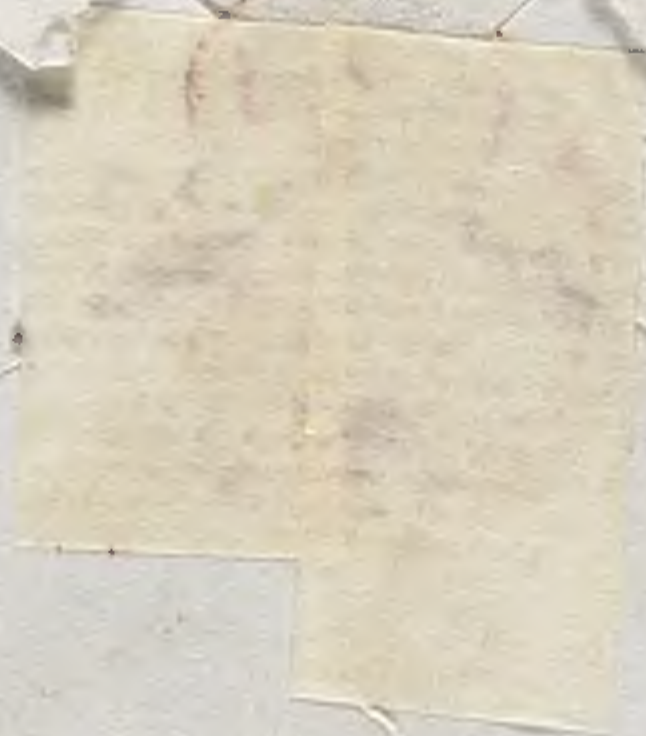
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